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In re Application of: GREEN )

Application No.: Unassigned )

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING CARBON BLACKS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 6, 2000

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, line 2, after the title, please insert --This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US99/13042 filed June 9, 1999, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of prior U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/088,620 filed June 9, 1998.--

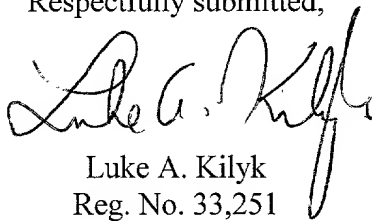
**REMARKS**

The amendment to the specification adds data related to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and § 120. Accordingly, no question of new matter should arise and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Preliminary Amendment

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to deposit Account No. 03-0060.

Respectfully submitted,



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